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Washington, D.C.

Thursday, February 23, 2006

The above-entitled matter came on for prehearing
pursuant to notice, at 11:02 a.m.

BEFORE:

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HON. TONY A. HAMMOND, COMMISSIONER
HON. RUTH Y. GOLDWAY, COMMISSIONER

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(11:02 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN OMAS: Good morning. This is a prehearing conference in Docket No. MC2006-2 considering the request of the Postal Service to extend the experimental classification and rates for the attachment of repositionable notes on the cover for first class mail, standard mail, and periodicals.

I am George Omas. I'm the chairman of the Postal Rate Commission. With me this morning are Commissioner Ruth Goldway and Commissioner Hammond.

Commission Order No. 1452 gave notice of the Postal Service request asking for a recommended decision for an extension of the current provisional repositionable notes service. That order also authorized conduct of settlement discussions.

The reporter in this case is Heritage Reporting Company. There are forms for noting appearances available on the table as you enter the hearing room. If you wish to purchase transcripts, you should see the reporter after today's conference or call (202) 628-4888.

Before proceeding further, I will ask counsel to identify themselves for the record. The United States Postal Service.

MR. REITER: Good morning, Mr. Chairman. I'm

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1 Scott Reiter representing the Postal Service.

2 CHAIRMAN OMAS: Association for Postal Commerce.

3 MS. BRICKMAN: Good morning, Chairman,

4 Commissioners. Rita Brickman of Venable.

5 CHAIRMAN OMAS: Direct Marketing Association, Inc.

6 MR. ACKERLY: Good morning, Mr. Chairman. Todd

7 Ackerly for DMA.

8 CHAIRMAN OMAS: Magazine Publishers of America.

9 MR. MYERS: Good morning, Mr. Chairman. Pierce

10 Myers for MPA.

11 CHAIRMAN OMAS: National Newspaper Association.

12 MS. RUSH: Good morning, Mr. Chairman. Tonda Rush

13 for the National Newspaper Association.

14 CHAIRMAN OMAS: Office of the Consumer Advocate.

15 MR. COSTICH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Rand

16 Costich for the OCA. With me is Shelley Dreifuss, director

17 of the office.

18 CHAIRMAN OMAS: Pitney Bowes, Inc.

19 MR. SCANLON: Good morning, Mr. Chairman. Michael

20 Scanlon on behalf of Pitney Bowes.

21 CHAIRMAN OMAS: David P. Popkins.

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIRMAN OMAS: Val-Pak Dealers Association, Inc.

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIRMAN OMAS: Val-Pak Direct Marketing Systems,

1 Service's motion were received. Does any participant here
2 today wish to lodge a complaint in opposition at this time?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN OMAS: There not being any, under the
5 Commission rules, a procedural order will be issued shortly
6 after the conclusion of today's conference determining
7 whether to conduct this case as an expedited, minor
8 classification case. The motion for waiver will be
9 addressed in that order.

10 That ruling will also address the question of
11 whether there are issues of material fact that require
12 evidentiary hearings in this case. Parties wishing either
13 to cross-examine the Postal Service or to present direct
14 testimony in this case are expected to provide written
15 statements to that effect at the close of business today.
16 Participants are also to identify in that statement issues
17 of material fact that justify the conduct of an evidentiary
18 hearing.

19 Are there any additional matters that participants
20 wish to raise at this time regarding this case?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIRMAN OMAS: There being none, thank you, and I
23 have nothing further. This prehearing conference is
24 adjourned.

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1 (Whereupon, at 11:07 a.m., the prehearing
2 conference in the above-entitled matter was concluded.)

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